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A RECORD OF THE ANGOLA WHITE-BELLIED SUNBIRD *NECTARINIA OUSTALETI*
FROM KASESYA IN SOUTHWESTERN TANZANIA

On 27 November 1979 and again on 3 June 1982 I saw a single Angola White-bellied Sunbird *Nectarinia oustaleti* at Kasesya (8.40S, 31.28E), 2 km from the Zambian border. At first I mistook the bird for a Variable Sunbird *N. venusta* but then I noticed that the call was different and, on closer investigation, I found that it had a white not yellow belly. It had a violet reddish coloured band across the chest and lower neck, while the chin and throat were black. Above it was metallic blue with greenish tinges. There were no tufts visible at the side of the chest. The voice is quite different from other sunbirds and, once learned, is a valuable guide to identification.

There is a single record of the species from Tanzania, that of a bird taken at Kigoma on 25 December 1961 (Britton 1980). It occurs 20 km from Kasesya at Mbala (Zambia) in miombo woodland (Benson et al. 1971), the same habitat that I found it in. White (1963) gives the limit of its distribution as the Tanzanian border. In the light of these records, the occurrence of *N. oustaleti* in southwestern Tanzania is not unexpected.

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NOTICE

THE EAST AFRICAN BIRD REPORT

The 1982 report should be published within the second half of 1983, much later than we had hoped. Although the OS-C must take some of the blame for the late appearance of these annual reports, the main reason behind the delay is that observers are so late in sending in their records. In an attempt to produce the 1983 report in the first half of next year, we are setting a deadline for all records at 29 February 1984. Please help to get the annual reports out in good time.